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Plans move ahead to replace old fence along Belleville Rd.

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

At the Sept. 24 meeting of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, Executive Director Susan Ireland reported on progress on the fence replacement project along Belleville Road next to Belle Harbor subdivision.

Earlier that day, at a meeting with Wayne County Department of Public Works, Ireland learned it should take about two weeks to get the required right-of-way encroachment permit.

Also, Wade-Trim needs to submit the standard MDOT day-closure plans for Belleville Road, which will be necessary for the tree and fence removal.

VBT DDA also must submit a hold-harmless agreement that indemnifies the county of any liability relating to the fence. The township DDA also is liable for any maintenance or removal costs for the new fence.

The project is expected to cost the DDA some \$80,000 and be completed this year. It will remove the blighted existing chain link fence along the east side of Belleville Road, beginning one lot north of Sunrise Lane, extending south to the west of Harmony Lane (Belle Harbor Estates) and replacing the existing fence with a natural grain, six-foot, wood-simulated colored vinyl fence.

Some of the neighbors have contacted Ireland with various complaints about the project.

Ireland said she has explained that the current fence is not on private property, but on county right of way.

Ireland said she spoke with Karen Mida, the president of the Belle Harbor association, and Ireland plans to attend the Oct. 3 association meeting.

Ireland said Belle Harbor would like to preserve the brick pillars with lights at

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Photo courtesy VBT Fire Department

On Saturday, members of the Van Buren Township Fire Department held an all-day training burn on a house at 7080 Edwards Street, just north of Ecorse. Here they pose together when they are allowing the house to burn to the ground after practicing on it all day. They sharpened their skills on fire attack, ventilation, search and rescue, hose advancement, and ladder raising in a controlled training scenario. Fire Chief Dan Besson thanked the organizer of the training, Battalion Chief Ron Folks; the man who donated the house, Gary Fischer; Belfor Restoration; Huron Valley Ambulance; and the Van Buren Firefighters Association. The public reported seeing large columns of smoke throughout the day.

Bankruptcy claims due Dec. 26 in Thomas White filing

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

According to a report filed Friday by U.S. Bankruptcy Court Trustee Wendy Turner Lewis, those wishing to file financial claims against disbarred Belleville attorney Thomas A. White have until Dec. 26 to do so.

White filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy on July 19.

Her report lists all of White's reported available assets as of Friday, which amount to about \$40,024 in value, including \$1 as the value of his dog and \$2,000 for half of his household goods, with his wife getting

the other half since she is not a part of the bankruptcy. Lewis also lists White's Belleville Industrial Company, LLC, that has a Jani-King franchise as having a market value of \$5,250.

A "proceeds from a preference" payment received by the estate from Clos, Russell & Wirth PC law firm on Sept. 25, was listed as \$2,500, the only income. No payments to creditors are listed between the filing of bankruptcy on July 19 and Sept. 27.

Lewis said affecting the closing of the case is the court's continued investigation of the Debtor's Assets and Avoidable Transfers. The case is now estimated to be closed Sept. 30, 2015.

On Sept. 12, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Thomas J. Tucker received a motion with evidence from attorney Walter H. Czeizler on behalf of Robert and Gloria Coppock, owners of the house at 41305 Savage, Van Buren Township, in which White lives.

They ask to have the home removed from the bankruptcy proceedings so they can reclaim their property.

It was a Motion for Relief from Automatic Stay and Entry of Order Waiving the Provision of FRBP 4001(a)(3).

According to the filing, White hasn't paid his monthly land contract payments of \$2,128.97 to them since May, leaving him owing more than \$10,644 to the Coppocks. White also is \$12,484.14 behind in property taxes, having not paid the taxes for summer and winter in 2011 and 2012, nor the summer 2013 tax. The property is listed with a "foreclosure" designation.

The land contract agreement was created by White and signed by him and his wife Heather and the Coppocks on Oct. 10, 2006. The agreement says the property returns to the Coppocks if the payments

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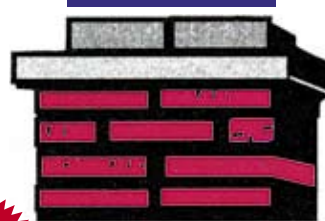
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Nearby residents oppose rezoning for Tucker Insurance office in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A roomful of neighbors opposed a proposed rezoning of a small parcel on the South I-94 Service Drive to make way for an office building to house Tucker Insurance and two other businesses.

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission held a public hearing at its Sept. 11 meeting and planners heard eight speakers give reasons why the rezoning in their neighborhood shouldn't take place.

Two letters, one written by Samantha Taylor and one by Catherine Howard on behalf of the neighbors and signed by more than 30 residents, also were in the planning commission packet for the evening.

Planning Commission chairman Carol Thompson explained that the procedure is for the commission to have a public hearing at one meeting and then make the decision at an upcoming meeting.

Tucker is asking for rezoning of about .72 acre of property currently zoned R-1B (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business). This site is at the corner of the I-94 South Service Drive and Dewitt Road, east of Belleville Road.

Architect Wayde Hoppe of Hoppe Design gave a presentation on the proposed project. He explained there are two parcels, with one already zoned C-2. The adjoining parcel on the corner of Dewitt is to hold a storm water detention pond.

The other parcel is planned to hold a 5,700 square foot professional office building, with access from the South Service Drive, away from the curve.

The building, which has a design to fit in with the residential neighborhood, will hold Tucker Insurance in 3,000 square feet of the space and two other businesses in about 2,000 square feet.

Hoppe said the Tucker customers will come in mostly by vehicle and are not expected to come through the subdivision. He said they have been asked to put in sidewalks, as well.

A tree buffer is planned between the office building and the residents, with twice the number of trees required. Hoppe said they will be evergreens and offer a nice buffer. The site will be completely landscaped, with a variety of hedges, he said.

He said it will be a single-story building. There will be a lot of glazing on the building with reverse gables and an attractive entrance with craftsman columns and masonry and wood shakes.

"It will be an attractive building to enhance the community," Hoppe said.

Then the public got its say.

• Mike Taylor of Jeanette, immediately behind the proposed office building, said he wanted an ecological and environmental

impact analysis of the project. While this is an office, the zoning allows other than offices in the future. He said many are concerned and the project will modify the neighborhood and impact land values.

• John Mercurio of Jeanette said there are very limited fire hydrants in the neighborhood and the vacant property had been used to get fire engines into the neighborhood. Also, there is a problem with electrical power since Burger King, Van Buren Health Care and the gas station opened, causing dimming.

• Samantha Taylor of Jeanette, whose husband spoke earlier, said she doesn't want to look out her back window and see this office, saying it would cause a diminuation of value of their home. She wrote one of the letters to the board and met with residents. She said she noted their concerns in the letter. She said a lot were not comfortable to speak directly to the board and the letter was a way to voice their concerns.

• Joe Denike, who lives on the corner of Dewitt directly across from the property, said he doesn't like the idea of living across from a retention pond that will dry up, be mucky, attract animals and breed mosquitoes.

• Ernie Tozer of Hannan Road had a procedural question. He said the public was told the township has to amend the master plan before rezoning and he asked if this would be spot zoning since it's outside of the master plan.

• Lance Braziel said he has lived directly behind the property since 1974 and has been using the easement and cutting the grass because the property owner had let it grow. He said five or six residents have back gates and now they won't be able to use the easement. He said it was his understanding there was a small easement there.

Arthur Mullen, VBT Director of Planning and Economic Development, said he will look to see if there's an easement there. Later, Hoppe said their survey didn't show an easement.

• Catherine Howard of Jeanette said she went to Tucker with her questions and this is the third set of plans, with other plans calling for nothing on the corner and three site buildings. She criticized the changing plans and asked for a meeting for neighbors to sit down with Tucker and VBT officials to discuss the plans. She named a list of her concerns and stood directly in front of the commission with a microphone in one hand and several papers to show the commission in her other hand.

Chairman Thompson said, in reply to Howard's criticism of the plan changes, "It's called a *development* because plans are being developed."



Courtesy Wayde Hoppe, architect

Proposed Tucker Insurance Co. building.

Howard asked to be informed of all staff meetings on this issue.

"We want to keep our community nice, safe, and quiet," Howard said.

• Howard Nugent of Dewitt said his concerns were the retention ponds: "two big holes in the ground in a residential area."

Hoppe answered questions that had been raised and said primarily the county put the requirement in for retention ponds.

"Nobody likes them. Nobody likes to use up their land for ponds," Hoppe said, after explaining how they work.

He said he and Tucker would be glad to sit down with residents to discuss the project.

The planning commission then discussed the plans for construction of an AutoZone store, just south of Meijer, and then approved preliminary site plan approval.

Wesley Berlin, civil engineer consultant and project designer for AutoZone, said

the construction will bring long-term employment opportunities for the area. He said AutoZone is projecting very good sales for this site.

Of the 21-acre site, the AutoZone will be on 1.5 acres.

A south drive from Belleville Road, where the new traffic light is planned to be installed, will connect with a north-south drive to the Meijer's parcel. This layout is similar to the Walmart store area.

He said the design of the new building is one that AutoZone has "really spruced up" and there will be sidewalks all around the building. The site has an underground stormwater detention system which empties into a pipe on Belleville Road.

Engineering consultant David Nummer said the driveway is being constructed now and the traffic light can't be put in place until the drive is constructed. The light is expected to be installed in the spring.

Sumpter Twp. board approves seeking liquor license for Benito's

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Sept. 24, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees gave local approval to Roy Acho's request for a Class C Liquor License for his new sit-down dining area at Benito's Pizza.

Acho now can proceed with the lengthy application process through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

There reportedly were three liquor licenses available in the township.

After leasing space for his business for 19 years at 51255 Willis Road, earlier this summer Acho purchased the Five Star Party Store/Benito's property and repainted the buildings and resurfaced the parking lot. He now is expanding his store to include a dining area.

Acho said a Class C license allows the serving of beer, wine, and liquor by the glass.

In other business at the Sept. 24 meeting, the board:

• Approved increasing the employer contribution to 15% for the AFSCME employees and the non-union employees and to increase the reimbursement of expenses for elected officials to 75%, beginning Oct. 1. Township attorney Rob Young said the financial advisor said since the township is stronger now, this should be done to cover expenses so the unfunded portion is paid off. He stressed it is not an increase in benefits, but contributions to cover a shortfall. He said in six to seven years the township will be debt-free from

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Lucky Luke changed Belleville

"Lucky Luke changed Belleville."

That was stated Sunday night when a crowd of people got together to remember five-year-old Luke Charles Brown-Willick and to comfort his family.

Over the past five and a half years Luke struggled to breathe, to eat, to sit up, to communicate, but he was able to convey unconditional love without effort and with his captivating smile.

His smile was described by many at this Time of Sharing service at Brown Funeral Home's temporary site. It's been difficult being in the Brown family since Lucas was born in the middle of the night more than five years ago. Deacon Pete remembered being told by experts on the morning of Luke's birth that Luke wouldn't live until breakfast. He baptized Luke with holy water brought from Jerusalem. Luke survived and lived a difficult life to show the people of Belleville what lessons a special-needs child can bring.

His mother Shelly Brown recalled hating God for bringing her this child that was in such need of round-the-clock care, but later turned to God in gratitude for the child who taught everyone about love.

The fire that destroyed the funeral home over a year ago was a terrible loss to the family, but the loss of "Lucky Luke" last Thursday is much more painful. They loved greatly and the loss is deep.

Our best wishes go to the members of the Brown family who are showing what a strong, loving family can do in a community. We won't forget you, Luke.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Last Thursday, I received a call from a lady who said she had been a client of now disbarred attorney Tom White for 20 years and he had been a fine lawyer and has done many things for the community.

She said she didn't like me putting his picture in the paper, although she didn't mind me following and printing the story.

The lady said she remembers Tom gave her \$1,000 back after a problem with the filing of her case. She said the girl in his office didn't file it properly and the girl apologized to her.

I told her other people weren't so lucky with getting their money back and she suggested Tom may have developed a mental problem. She said if he took all that money, what did he do with it? He isn't living in opulent splendor.

I told her that is what a lot of people want to know: Where's the money? Some think he took it to Canada on one of his many trips.

She said, well, then they can get their money back and I said, no, I didn't think they could. We couldn't agree on the subject, so we said good-bye.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees is getting ready to approve its 2013-18 Capital Improvements Plan, which spells out plans for bricks-and-mortar-type things over \$25,000. The list is not set in stone and depends on if they get the money for the items.

One of the new things this year is the Dog Park, suggested for Van Buren Park. This is planned for 2015 with a cost of \$30,000 to be obtained by a grant.

Also on the Capital Improvements Plan



are outdoor emergency sirens, starting in 2014 at expenditures of \$47,000 per year for four years from the general fund and \$47,000 from the DDA.

Rewiring and painting of the four park pavilions and the bandstand in 2014 is on the list at an estimated cost of \$30,900.

There are 41 items on the wish list.

At the Sept. 16 meeting of the Belleville City Council, the council removed from the agenda a resolution to give fire fighters a raise from \$17 flat fee for in-station practice and \$5 an hour for off-site training to \$20 for practice and in-station training and \$10 an hour for off-site training.

There was no explanation for its removal from the agenda. We expect it will be back on an agenda sometime soon. Must have some support if it got as far as the agenda.

One of our readers asked why the BHS pool wasn't open to the community, so I asked Supt. Van Tassel. He said they had just had a meeting on that and would be announcing the pool hours soon.

As to the BHS exercise equipment, Supt. Van Tassel said they had a set evening for use of the equipment, but only two people came, staying about a half hour each. He said it cost money to staff the session, so they didn't do it again.

Joe, who calls himself the "Belleville Paperman," announced in a flyer tucked

into Sunday's *Detroit Free Press/Detroit News* that Sunday was his last day selling discounted papers at Frosty Boy in Belleville. "It's been a pleasure serving you these past 10 years," he wrote.

"If we should meet and you forget me, you've lost nothing. But if you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him, you've lost everything," he wrote. "Thank you for your support and for all your good wishes for me and all the treats you've brought me. God bless you and have a great forever," he concluded.

He told my son Bill that it's getting too cold for his old bones and he's tired of being late for church every week. He may come back in the spring, he said.

On Monday, a senior citizen in Sumpter received a phone call from a man who said he was from Medicare and they were calling all senior citizens because of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). The man, who could barely speak English, said he needed her bank account number. She hung up. She said she could hear lots of voices in the background as the calls were being made to seniors. She hoped all the seniors realized they shouldn't give out such information over the phone. Another scam.



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**Letters****It's safety first at
Romulus Parade of Lts.**

To the Editor:

As most of you may know, we recently enjoyed our 15th-annual Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights. I am writing to say thank you to all of you who participated in and attended what has become a very festive and enjoyable event in our city.

In 15 years, we have never had a serious injury. I believe that the major reason for this record is that we have always stressed certain safety rules. The first rule is fairly obvious: Lights. LOTS of lights. We strongly encourage our participants to go all out. This is especially true for walkers and other non-motorized entries. It is not just for aesthetic reasons that we promote an abundance of lights on all of our entries. Safety demands visibility. You cannot avoid what you cannot see.

The second safety rule is "no handouts." Consider this please; if a parade participant is handing, throwing, tossing or otherwise distributing candy (or anything else) on the parade route, that participant is encouraging folks to come onto the street. This is especially true of our children, who may dart out into the road without considering the dangers. As sponsors of the Parade of Lights, we must insist on compliance with this rule.

This year, I personally asked many of the participants not to distribute candy on the parade route. I suggested that if they felt they absolutely had to do so, to please go up on the sidewalk before handing out anything.

The reason for these safety reminders is prompted by a conversation which I had with a participant after the parade. He

informed me that his group was booed because they did not have candy to distribute.

As sponsors of the Parade, we will not be relaxing this rule. For safety's sake, we cannot. My plea is that the fine folks that enjoy our parade every year encourage participants to follow our parade rules and applaud those that do. If you would like to review our rules for yourself or just learn more about the Romulus Rotary Club, see our website at www.romulusrotaryclub.com.

Safety first! Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

Brian A. Oakley, Chair of the Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights Committee

**Belleville Wrestling Club
thanks supporters**

To the Editor:

This is to Belleville and Van Buren Township residents and businesses –

On behalf of the Belleville Wrestling Club Board, parents and wrestlers, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to you and your business for supporting our most recent Golf Outing held on Sunday, Sept. 8 at Thorne Hills Golf Club.

A special thanks goes out to our Hole Sponsors: Belleville Animal Hospital, EQ – The Environmental Quality Company, Maybee Sportsman Club, AKA Sports, Beck & Boys Custom Apparel, Greca Choi-Kwang Do, Leo's Coney Island – Belleville, Gary M. Berman D.D.S., Atchinson Ford, JT's Pub & Grub, Burhop's Collision, Coy Construction, Suntansational, Superior Auto & Truck Service, Inc., Carpenter for Hire, Halliday's Pet Resort & Day Care, Phillips Trucking.

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Jim Majewski, president
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There's a large chuckhole that needs to be patched

To the Editor:

Just west of Belleville Road on the I-94 North Service Drive, the first drive right as you enter, there is a large chuckhole that has been like that for a while.

It needs to be patched up before someone hits it and bends a tire rim or blows a tire. I would patch it myself, if I had some asphalt patch.

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Obituaries



Luke Charles Brown-Willick

LUKE CHARLES BROWN-WILICK

(April 4, 2008 - September 26, 2013)

Luke Charles Brown-Willick, age 5, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully in his sleep Thursday, September 26, 2013. He was born Friday, April 4, 2008 in Dearborn, MI, son of Shelly Ann Brown.

Luke attended Early On at Stottlemeyer Elementary, Westland, MI and then was in the preschool class for two years. He just started Kindergarten at Roosevelt-McGrath, Wayne, MI, and loved swimming there twice a week. He had Quad Cerebral Palsy and received various therapies through school, and his second home-Center for Exceptional Families, Dearborn, MI. He was the light of his family's world. He stole everyone's heart with his smile. He taught everyone that wanted to get to know him how to be a better person and be happy through pain, illness, surgery, etc. All he ever wanted was love and human touch.

Lucky Luke is survived by his mother Shelly (Jim Chudzinski) Brown of Belleville; father Richard Willick of California and siblings Izaha and Madison Willick of California; and Seth Levi Willick and grandparents Dave and Martha Brown, all of Belleville; Bob and Jean Willick of Alpena, MI; and aunt Amy (Kevin) Hinks, and two cousins Nicholas and Andrew Hinks, all of Belleville, MI. Luke is also survived by numerous great aunts, uncles, second cousins, doctors, therapists, teachers and friends.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Sunday at the David C. Brown Temporary Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville with a 6 PM Time of Sharing Service. A Funeral Mass was held 11 AM Monday, September 30, 2013 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. Father Tom Cusick and Deacon Pete Cornell officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Exceptional Families, 18501 Rotunda, Dearborn, MI 48124 and would be greatly appreciated by his family. Please sign this on-line guestbook at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



William Gillis Meyer

WILLIAM GILLIS MEYER

(March 3, 1954 - September 25, 2013)

William G. Meyer, a resident of Brighton and formerly of Belleville, died unexpectedly in his home on September 25, 2013 at the age of 59. William retired from Ford Motor Company in 2007 after thirty-three years and enjoyed work with All Star Driver Education in Howell.

He leaves his beloved wife of 34 years, Wanda; dear children, Rebecca and Connor; father, Donald; brothers, Thomas (Nancy), Kevin (Marcia), Douglas; sisters, Donna (Rich) Matta, Sue; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and his faithful companions. He was preceded in death by his mother Jean and brother Ronald.

A Funeral Service was held on Monday, September 30, 2013 at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 600 E. Main St., Brighton, 12:30 PM. Fr. James Mangan officiated. Visitation began on Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Humane Society of Livingston County.

For further information phone 810.229.2905 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com.

ROSA LEE HARTMANN

(March 30, 1942 - September 27, 2013)

Age 71 of Sumpter Township. Retired from Ford Rawsonville Plant. Survived by husband John, three children, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a sister. Janowiak Funeral Home, Sumpter Chapel.



Jeffrey Fry

JEFFREY FRY

(April 7, 1954 - September 20, 2013)

On September 20, 2013, Jeffrey Fry succumbed after a fierce battle with cancer.

Jeff was born on April 7, 1954. He was preceded in death by his father Fred Todd Fry and his mother Mary Elizabeth (Kubic) Fry.

He is survived by his wife Amy Elizabeth Fry and his son Adam Todd Fry, both of Sterling Heights, MI. He is also survived by a brother Gerald Todd Fry (Susannah) and a sister Suzan Elizabeth (Chandious) Johnson. Jeff also left numerous nieces and nephews.

Jeff graduated from Belleville High School in 1972 after amassing many records in swimming during his four years at the school. Jeff's feats in 100- and 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle medley relays remain among the top records in Belleville.

Jeff spent most of his life in sales. He loved golf, biking, playing cards and was an avid fan of all Michigan sports – especially the Red Wings and football.

He has left a huge hole in the hearts of his family and friends!

Donations may be made in Jeff's name to: The Van Elslander Cancer Center, St. John Health System, 19229 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Beulah "Terry" Coleman

BEULAH 'TERRY' COLEMAN

(March 19, 1937 - September 27, 2013)

Beulah "Terry" Coleman, 76, of Belleville, passed away on September 27, 2013. Beulah was born March 19, 1937 in Dearborn, Michigan. She was the daughter of the late Maxwell E. Tarry and Audrey O. (Schoolcraft) Tarry. Beulah enjoyed traveling, going to the casino, working, and playing on-line games. She also loved spending time with her family.

To cherish her memory she leaves her three sons John W., William (Marlene), and Jay R. Coleman; one daughter; Cheryl Coleman; three sisters Maxine Kreider, Audrey Krueger, and Neola Lawyer; three grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

In addition to Betty's passing, she was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John Wesley Coleman, and three sisters Betty Rzempala, Martha Wensko, and Mary Angel.

Friends may gather from 1:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday October 3, 2013 at Crane Funeral Home, 36885 Goddard Rd. Romulus, Michigan 48174 and (734) 941-9200. The Service will be held on Friday October 4, 2013 at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Romulus Cemetery.

Those who wish, may contribute to MileLeft.com. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.

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Obituaries



Margaret Edna Clare Hintz

MARGARET EDNA CLARE HINTZ

(May 29, 1934 - September 29, 2013)

Margaret Edna Clare Hintz, age 79, a Romulus resident of 53 years, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Superior Township, MI. She was born in Sumpter Township, MI on May 29, 1934, daughter of the late Aaron and Mildred (Smith) Rounsifer.

She is survived by her loving companion, Dave Dove; 2 daughters, Mildred Udovich of Belleville and Sylvia (James Jr.) Mattson of Romulus; 5 grandchildren, Shawn (Mike), John, Sarah, Alice and James III; also 5 great-grandchildren, Raphael, Charles, Emma, Matthew, Julian; and her best friend, Rose Laginess.

Margaret was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. She enjoyed Bingo and playing cards. She loved being a grandma and never missed sending a card to her family and friends for every holiday.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Sylvester and 4 brothers, John, Thomas, Donald and Mahlon.

Visitation will be on Friday from 1-8 PM and 12-1 PM on Saturday, October 5, 2013 with a 1 PM funeral service at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Chaplain Sam Watters will officiate. Interment will be in Romulus Cemetery, Romulus, MI. following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish.

LEONARD JOSEPH OSTROWSKI

(August 5, 1932 - September 29, 2013)

Leonard Joseph Ostrowski, age 81, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away on Sunday, September 30, 2013 at his home. He was born in Belleville on August 5, 1932, son of Rose Mary (Wojciechoski) and the late Joseph Peter Ostrowski.

He was of the Catholic faith, enjoyed sports, especially Tiger baseball and was a member of the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge. He loved tending to his yard and farming.

Leonard is survived by 3 sons, Joe (Linda) Ostrowski, Michael (Beth) Ostrowski and Terry (Diane) Ostrowski all of Belleville; 10 grandchildren, Jessica Johnson, Josh Knox, Rachel Knox, Sarah Copey, Bradley Allen Ostrowski all of Belleville, Michael Ostrowski of Canton, Alyssa Ostrowski of Romulus, Samantha Bosman of Louisville, KY, Jennifer and Katrina Ostrowski both of Romulus; 7 great-grandchildren, Ryan Ostrowski, Lee Ostrowski, Joseph Johnson, Justin Johnson, Johnathan Johnson, Faith Neighbor and Joslyn Schmitz. Also, 2 brothers Richard Ostrowski of Princeton, KY, and Ronald Ostrowski of Belleville, and 1 sister, Janet Krammer of Newport News, VA also numerous nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Preceded in death by his wife, Betty June

Ostrowski.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel. Please sign his online guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com

More Letters

Team Dawn's Angels walk to cure Melanoma

To the Editor:

Yes, we are doing it, again! We signed-up to participate in a Melanoma Walk/Run to raise money for melanoma research and awareness.

The AIM for the Cure Melanoma Walk is in Milford this Saturday, Oct. 5.

This cause is very important to us. We will be walking in memory of Dawn Gentz, a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend to many. Dawn was first diagnosed with melanoma in August of 2009. She lost her battle on April 2, 2013. This year we will walk as a team called Dawn's Angels.

Last year, individually, we raised over \$2,000. This year we have joined forces and have pledged to meet or surpass what we raised last year. Our team members are: Judy Beaumont, Mike Gentz, Matthew Gentz, Preston Gentz, Cathie Gentz, Jennifer Deming, Scott Neinas, Stephanie Kaiser, Dennis Koehn, Renee Koehn, Ryan

Koehn, Kim Mento, Mersadeez Mento, Heather McNally, Stephanie Spaulding, Sunshine Gramer.

To do this, we need your help, again. Please consider making a fully tax-deductible donation so we can reach our goal.

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We are taking on this challenge to do something big that will increase awareness and support research for the CURE.

Thanks for your continued support! We need the donations within the next couple of days.

All the information you need is at: <http://www.aimatmelanoma.org/en/aim-for-action/1158/1159/kdb-run-walk-2013/6883.html>

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VBT DDA

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the entrance to their subdivision. Ireland invited any other interested members of the DDA to attend the meeting with her.

Gere Dolph, chairman of the DDA, said residents of Belle Harbor want residents of Belle Harbor and Lake Crest Estates next door to join together to strengthen their position.

"If the county says go ahead and do it, then it's our duty to improve the township as a whole," Dolph said of the DDA project.

Dolph is a resident of Lake Crest Estates and said there is no association. It ended in 1999.

A wide-ranging conversation ensued.

DDA member Mark Laginess argued that yes, there is an association and exists in the deed restrictions that dues had to be paid for the time residents were there.

Laginess added that there is a piece of property in that subdivision that doesn't have any frontage to build on, but is owned by the association and is on the lake.

According to the township tax website, they are paying taxes on the plot under the name Lake Crest Civic Assn.

Ecorse/Belleville Road Landscaping

Also discussed with the county at the Sept. 24 meeting was the landscaping at Ecorse and Belleville roads, Ireland said.

After discussing three options for dealing with easements and rights of way on the landscaping project, the DDA agreed to petition Wayne County to have the right of way surrounding a brick VBT entrance wall deemed as excess land.

If the County determines this 30x40' area to be excess right of way, the land can be sold to the DDA, typically for \$1. The DDA would then have ownership of the entry feature and be able to keep the feature in close proximity to the intersection.

Belleville Road Sidewalks

Ireland announced there has been a closing for the right of way at 8559 Belleville Road. Ireland said she is waiting for documents on two vacant parcels at Tyler Road to be returned from the property owner.

The DDA approved the sidewalk proposal from Wade Trim to complete design, permit, specifications, contract documents, advertising, bid opening and bid recommendation in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.

Joint meeting with Belleville DDA

Ireland said Belleville's DDA has asked to have a joint meeting with VBT DDA. Belleville suggested its meeting night on the third Wednesday, Oct. 16. The purpose is to share ideas. That date was not doable for many VBT DDA members. DDA member Jim Richter asked that Ireland try to schedule the joint meeting during the VBT DDA's next regular meeting on Oct. 29.

Non-Agenda Items

Audience member Cathy Howard asked for reference documents for all items spoken about at the meeting. Ireland gave all locations for the topics mentioned.

The *Independent* asked if there will be a pedestrian-crossing signal on the South I-

94 Service Drive. It was reported there are people running across Belleville Road from the hotels heading to Dimitri's. Ireland said she will get back with her.

DDA member Laginess asked if part of the signalization project would be curb repair on Belleville Road south of the Service Drive. Ireland replied this will be an addition to the actual project.

Thomas White

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aren't made, the taxes aren't paid, or the house insurance isn't kept up.

The agreed cost of the house was \$360,000, but its market value now is \$260,000, according to Czeizle. White's current debt on the house is about \$306,688, which includes the property taxes and the Coppocks' attorney bill.

The Coppocks ask the court to allow them to shorten the foreclosure/forfeiture redemption period to get their house back so it can be sold, with any amount over the current debt being turned over to the court.

Judge Tucker has yet to rule on the request.

In addition to his disbarment as an attorney in July, White also is facing five criminal charges for the alleged defrauding of the late Leland Jordan and his wife Judith of Belleville.

He has yet to plead to the charges, since his preliminary exam that was scheduled for Sept. 18 was adjourned until Oct. 16 because more criminal charges are being prepared by the Michigan State Police.

34th District Court Judge David Parrott gave White's criminal defense attorney Michael Vincent four more weeks before the preliminary exam based on "judicial economy" so all the cases can be packaged together for the preliminary hearing and proceed through the courts together.

White also has hired a bankruptcy attorney Stuart Gold (with another attorney from Gold's firm, John C. Lange, named in the paperwork).

Winners announced for Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights on Sept. 20

On Sept. 20, the Romulus Rotary put on the 15th-Annual Parade of Lights. This is the 10th year that Rotary sponsored the parade and in spite of extremely wet weather earlier in the evening, it was a great parade.

This year, only 25 entries were involved but as in years past many "entries" were quite extensive. This year, one group, "The Golf Cart Mafia," showed up with a farm tractor pulling a hay wagon, a lawn tractor with a trailer and eight highly decorated golf carts – so the number of registered participants is a bit misleading.

This was the first year that winners in each category won a cash prize in addition to the award plaque. The winners, by popular vote, were:

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On Friday, Sept. 20, Sylvia (Lytle) Boelter-Stiles and husband Roger of Pittsford, MI, hosted the 60th reunion of the Belleville High School Class of 1953. Classmates from California, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee and local areas were treated to a delicious luncheon catered by classmate Ruth (Kleeman) Clapman in the Wild West village called "Lost Nation," a newly constructed project developed by the hosts. An afternoon was spent eating, looking at pictures, and talking about the old times. The next day there were 24 classmates attending the BHS All-Class Reunion, including Ron Hunter and Ed and Jean Allen. "We have a very close class and get together at least once a year and sometimes more," said Shirley (Vandecar) Olson. "I guess you could say, 'We are glad that we have lived this long.'"



Photo courtesy Andre Renier

Alma Kirchner of Van Buren Township, at right in wheel chair, celebrated her 100th birthday over the Labor Day weekend with family and friends from across North America. Alma was hired as the first female draftsperson at Ford Motor Co. for the Willow Run Bomber Plant before the beginning of World War II. She helped design the B-24 wing and the Norden Bombsight mounting systems for the B-24 "Liberator" bomber. She went on to personally work for Henry Ford and became the Drafting Liaison between Ford and Harry Ferguson of Ford-Ferguson and later Massy-Ferguson fame. She began working with computers and accounting systems in the 1950s and finished her career working for Atchinson Ford in accounting and payroll. She has lived in her unique home on Belleville Lake, Alagee House, since 1937.

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Part-time police Officer Brian Steffani, center, was promoted to full-time officer at the Sept. 10 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. Introducing Officer Steffani was, at left, Captain Eric Luke and, at right, Chief James Pierce. Steffani fills one of the two full-time department vacancies. He has been with Sumpter police since Sept. 27, 2011. He is a 2011 graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree, *magna cum laude*, in public safety administration. He is a graduate of Romulus High School and an Army veteran, serving 2003-09 and rising to the rank of staff sergeant (tank captain) before his honorable discharge.

Sumpter Board

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all bonds, except one sewer bond;

- Approved the Command Officers Association union contract to expire Sept. 30, 2017, contingent on the wording change on long-term disability. If an officer is off longer than a year due to a non-work-related injury, paperwork from a medical doctor is required to say the employee is likely to return to work within a year. There is a two-year cap. There is no pay raise, but there is an adjustment to the captain's pay with a 6% increase over his existing lieutenant's pay;

- Heard Young said that within the next two weeks, a union contract with the patrol officers will be ready, as well, based on the command officers contract;

- Discussed briefly a suggestion that police officers should live in the township. Young said he has been township attorney since 1988 and residency in the township for a police officer never has been a requirement. He said they have had a radius of 15 or 25 miles over the years, but an officer never had to live in the township. Actually, Young said, it now is illegal and inappropriate to require residency. He said although there has been talk in the community, former Chief Melvin Turner tendered his resignation and it had nothing to do with residency. Trustee Bill Hamm said he watched on cable the recording of the last meeting that he missed and he was baffled about the discussion on residency. Young said he also was baffled and surprised by the suggestion;

- Approved the purchase of three park benches from AAA State of Play for \$1,160, paid out of the Wayne County Parks Grant;
- Approved free use of the community

center gym for the craft show Nov. 1 and 2, with proceeds to support the senior

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citizens' Christmas party;

- Approved the 2013 tax resolution: 1 mill for fire, 3 mills for police operating, and 0.7904 for township operating for a total of 4.7904 mills to be put on the December tax bills;

- Approved snow removal for seniors bid from Lator Gator to be used only in emergency;

- Approved a change in a resolution regarding unmetered water or sewer rates to remove the dollar amount so the ordinance doesn't have to be changed each time the rates go up. The amount will be determined by the current schedule of rates passed by

the board;

- Approved terminating five fire fighters for violating the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters union contract by not paying their union dues. The union was organized last spring;

- Accepted the resignation of police officer Chaim Kozak, who has been hired by the Westland Police Department;

- Learned the beaver traps are out in Banotai Park, but there is no sign of beavers; and

- Approved, with a roll-call vote, paying warrants totaling \$1,762,112.11.



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The **Belleville Harvest Fest** is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., located alongside the museum and library. There will be games, crafts, a petting zoo, pony rides, music, food and other family activities. A parade celebrating 100 years of boys and girl scouts will start at the high school and come down Main Street, beginning at 11 a.m. The annual scarecrows from the city's contest will also be on display along Main.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation begins its Sunday morning **Turkey Shoots**, starting this Sunday and running on Sundays through Oct. 27 at the Police Firing Range at the capped landfill on Willow Road. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. Prizes include turkeys, hams, bacon. Ammo is provided. See the ad in today's paper for the rules or call **Don Swinson** at (734) 674 4980.

Good seats are still available for tonight's basketball game between the **Harlem Ambassadors** and the **Chamber Tigers** at BHS beginning at 7 p.m. Adults are \$12. Call (734) 697-7151 for info.

The **Pumpkin Factory** on Harris Road is now open through Oct. 31. The family Halloween fun farm offers thousands of pumpkins, a haunted house, corn maze, country hayrides and pony rides on weekends, cider and donuts, pies, apples, costumes, masks, makeup, and fall decorating items. There's free parking and no admission charge. Hours are Sunday

through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call (734) 461-1835 for info.

The folks over at **Atchinson Ford** are gearing up for the **Drive For Your School** event again on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Belleville High School. Simply register and take a test drive of a new Ford vehicle and Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the school, up to \$6,000. Their goal is 300 drivers. For details, call (734) 697-9161.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych with your suggestion at (734) 699-9020.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 3** – Harlem Ambassadors basketball show at 7 p.m. at the Belleville High School gymnasium to raise funds for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

• **Friday, Oct. 4** – Friends Family Theater free Friday movie at 7 p.m. at the Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Rd., at Bemis Rd., Ypsilanti. (734) 482-5074

• **Saturday, Oct. 5** – Children are invited to Touch a Truck from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Van Buren Township Park on the South Service Drive east of Kmart. Kids are fascinated with heavy equipment and will be able to explore the trucks. 699-8921

• **Sunday, Oct. 6** – Join the CROP Hunger Walk, starting in Romulus at Community United Methodist Church and ending at the Lower Huron Metro Park in Van Buren Township. Registration starts at 12:15 p.m. and the walk starts at 1 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 6** – A brief ceremony by Bugles Across America honors soldiers fighting now and veterans of past wars at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Monument in Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 9** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, 5 p.m. until sell out. Adults \$10, children 12 & under, \$5. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, Oct. 10** – Casserole Luncheon today at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. \$8 donation supports missions. Sponsored by Ladies' Aid. 734-654-6366

• **Thursday, Oct. 10** – Keith Bruder will speak at 7 p.m. at the library on his passion: "Historical Barns." This is part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series and is free of charge.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Oct. 7 -- Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 8 – VBT September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, VBT LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy school board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 14 -- Van Buren Township work-study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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By Jason Goldman, Esq.
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Goldman Suliman, PLLC, is a Belleville law firm that was started by Jason Goldman and Bryan Suliman in order to serve the Belleville-area community. In this and future articles we will be covering legal issues commonly faced by Belleville-area residents. Our goal is to help you better understand the law.

This week we will be writing about a "durable power of attorney" (DPOA) under Michigan law. A DPOA is an agency power that is created when a principal (the individual authorizing another to act) designates another person be his or her attorney-in-fact. This must be done in a written document that contains certain words as required under state law.

While many people believe that a DPOA can be printed from a website after a quick Internet search, and this is true to some extent, it is important to keep in mind that a DPOA can be as unique as the principal's situation. For example, a DPOA can be written to become effective upon signing or on the disability of the principal, or written specifically to execute a purchase of a home.

Perhaps the most important aspect of a DPOA is the person chosen to become the attorney-in-fact. The selection of an attorney-in-fact should not be solely based on geographical proximity, but also on the individual the principal believes will act in his or her best interests. An attorney-in-fact must be an individual that is completely trusted to handle the principal's affairs, usually during a time of disability or incapacity.

All DPOAs executed after October 1, 2012, are subject to new execution requirements, including being signed and dated by the principal in the presence of two witnesses, neither of whom is the attorney-in-fact and both of whom also sign the DPOA.

If you would like further information regarding this issue, or any other issues that you are having, please contact us at (734) 699-7360.

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Oct. 17 – Christopher Demond
Oct. 26 – Mark McArthur
Oct. 27 – Brenda McArthur

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03E PART OF W 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SEC 3 BEG N89DEG 54M 30S E 1342.52FT AND S0DEG 46M 20S E 278.91FT FROM N 1/4 COR OF SEC 3 TH S78DEG 38M 0S W 818.89FT TH S9DEG 05M 30S E 100.18FT AND S1DEG 47M 45S W 709.16FT TH N78DEG 30M 22S E 836.82FT TH N0DEG 46M 20S W 802.31FT POB 14.85 AC

IDD DISTRICT #6

* 24C228A - - 235A2B,A3/JJ1B1/QQ * PART OF LOTS 228, 229, 230, 232, AND 235 ALSO LOT 234 ALSO PART OF VAC HAGGERTY STREET ALSO PART OF SW 1/4 SEC 24, T3S, R8E DESC AS BEG FROM THE SE COR OF SAID LOT 229: TH S 00DEG 08MIN 00SEC E, 186.36 FT; TH N 85DEG 38MIN 25SEC W, 626.51 FT; TH ALONG A CURVE CONC TO RIGHT RAD 939.65 FT, ARC 795.45 FT, CH N 61 DEG 23MIN 19 SEC W, 771.91 FT; TH N 36DEG 59MIN 43SEC W, 101.20 FT; TH N 00DEG 14MIN 37SEC E, 13.86 FT; TH N 73MIN 24MIN 40SEC E, 1325.07 FT; TH S 16DEG 35MIN 20SEC E, 50.00 FT; TH N 73DEG 24MIN 40SEC E, 400.00 FT; TH ALONG A CURVE CONC TO RIGHT RAD 500.00 FT, ARC 216.69 FT, CH S 54DEG 39MIN 00SEC E, 215.00 FT; TH ALONG A CURVE CONC TO LEFT RAD 600.00 FT, ARC 287.75 FT, CH S 53DEG 42MIN 00SEC E, 285.00 FT; TH ALONG A CURVE CONC TO RIGHT RAD 400.00 FT, ARC 220.79 FT, CH S 52DEG 17MIN 00SEC E, 218.00 FT; TH S 36DEG 12MIN 00SEC E, 306.00 FT; TH ALONG A CURVE CONC TO LEFT RAD 200.00 FT, ARC 108.32 FT, CH S 50DEG 24MIN 00SEC E, 107.00 FT; TH S 65DEG 52SEC 00MIN E, 29.17 FT; TH S 13DEG 36MIN 31SEC E, 51.57 FT; TH ALONG A CURVE CONC TO RIGHT RAD 1540.97 FT, ARC 876.14 FT, CH S 78DEG 04MIN 18SEC W, 864.39 FT; TH N 85DEG 38MIN 25SEC W, 305.93 FT; TH N 00DEG 08MIN 00SEC W, 62.39 FT; TH S 89DEG 50MIN 41SEC E, 33.00 FT; TH N 00DEG 08MIN 00SEC W, 244.54 FT; TH N 78DEG 30MIN 40SEC E, 267.50 FT; TH N 24DEG 28MIN 30SEC W, 94.10 FT; TH N 14DEG 23MIN 40SEC W, 60.64 FT; TH S 78DEG 28MIN 00SEC W, 276.40 FT; TH S 65DEG 26MIN 20SEC W, 66.00 FT; TH S 24DEG 33MIN 40MIN E, 136.62 FT; TH S 00DEG 08MIN 00SEC E, 108.67 FT TO POB; A = 35.4 ACRES; - K - 35.4 AC

IDD DISTRICT # 11

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IDD DISTRICT # 12

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IDD DISTRICT # 13

04B1A,C1,D1 PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 4 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 00D 07M 40S W 216.80 FT AND S 89D 07M 15S W 63.00 FT FROM NE COR SEC 4- TH S 00D 07M 40S W 706.99 FT-TH S 89D 07M 15S W 801.00 FT- TH N 00D 07M 40S E 706.99 FT- TH N 89D 07M 15S E 801.00 FT TO POB 13.00 AC

*04B1,B2,C2,D2 PT OF NE 1/4 SEC 4 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 00D 07M 40S W 156.79 FT AND S 89D 07M 15S W 63 FT FROM NE COR SEC 4- TH S 00D 07M 40S W 60.01 FT-TH S 89D 07M 15S W 801.00 FT- TH S 00D 07M 40S W 706.99 FT- TH N 89D 07M 15S E 801.00 FT -TH S 00D 07M 40S W 62.10 FT - TH S 78D 41M 10S W 1267.22 FT -TH N 00D 38M 45S W 1058.49FT -TH N 89D 07M 15S E 1256.52 FT TO POB 14.09 AC

IDD DISTRICT #14

0341 PART OF NE 1/4 SEC 3 T3S R8E BEG N89DEG 46M 40S E 1373.55FT AND N0DEG 53M 15S W 536.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 3 TH S89DEG 06M 45S W 463.94FT TH N0DEG 53M 15S W 1083.27FT TH N78DEG 30M 22S E 472FT TH S0DEG 53M 15S E 1170.17FT POB 12.00 AC

03F2 PART OF NE 1/4 SEC 3 T3S R8E BEG N89DEG 46M 40S E 473.22FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 3 TH N89DEG 46M 40S E 900.33FT TH N0DEG 53M 15S W 536.98FT TH S89DEG 06M 45S W 463.94FT TH N0DEG 53M 15S W 1083.27FT TH S78DEG 30M 22S W 370.39FT TH S1DEG 47M 45S W 1543.34FT POB 20.16 AC

IDD DISTRICT # 15

*01U1A3,--V2B1B2*PT OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 1 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 01D 31M 58S E 667.45 FT AND S 89D 39M 33S E 60.02 FT FROM W 1/4 COR OF SEC 1--TH N 01D 31M 58S W 314.72 FT-TH S 89D 39M 41S E 230.38 FT-TH N 01D 31M 58S W 234.46 FT-TH S 89D 39M 41S E 0.15 FT-TH N 01D 31M 58S W 118.27 FT-TH N 89D-39-41S W 0.15 FT-TH N 01D 30M 47S W 424.75 FT-TH N 89D 39M 41S W 230.38 FT-TH N 01D 30M 47S W 540.43 FT-TH 87D 46M 03S E 1292.36 FT-TH S 01D 55M 43S E 1023.45 FT-TH S 89D 39M 41S E 6.26 FT-TH S 01D 54M 06S E 315.55 FT-TH S 01D 05M 54S W 351.87 FT-TH N 89D 39M 33S W 1292.49 FT-45.44 AC-K-45.44

PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 01 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG DUE N 1520.25 FT AND S 88D 12M 30S E 60.03 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 01 TH DUE N 483.75 FT TH S 88D 12M 30S E 653.60 FT TH DUE S 333.75 FT TH N 88D 12M 30S W 353.63 FT TH DUE S 150 FT TH N 88D 12M 30S W 299.97 FT TO POB 6.04AC

IDD DISTRICT #17

12 V1A2W1, VAC TAYLOR RD PT OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 12 T3S R8E BEG N 02D 23M 55S W 574.17 FT AND N 89D 08M 49S E 704.61 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 12 - - TH N 89D 08M 49S E 198.97 FT - TH 97.08 FT ALONG A CURVE TO RT RAD 135.00 FT CHD BRG S 70D 15M 04S E 95.01 FT - TH 217.54 FT ALONG A CURVE TO LT RAD 75.00 FT CHD BRG N 47D 15M 23S E 148.91 FT - - TH N 89D 08M 49S E 282.00 FT - TH N 01D 52M 46S W 26.99 FT - TH N 89D 08M 49S E 75.90 FT - TH N 00D 51M 11S W 40.00 FT - TH N 89D 08M 49S E 121.61 FT - TH 346.10 FT ALONG A CURVE TO LT RAD 4039.72 FT CHD BRG S 23D 39M 49S E 346.00 FT - TH S 66D 15M 33S W 692.41 FT - TH S 74D 32M 14S W 294.02 FT - TH S 87D 18M 53S W 77.58 FT - TH N 02D 08M 34S W 532.02 FT TO POB. 9.63 AC - - K - 9.63

12 V1A1 PT OF W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SEC 12 T3S R8E BEG S 88D 09M 27S E 60.16 FT AND N 02D 23M 21S W 50.14 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 12 - - TH N 02D 23M 55S W 559.87 FT - TH N 89D 08M 49S E 644.73 FT - TH S 02D 08M 34S E 565.03 FT - TH S 87D 18M 53S W 316.58 FT - TH N 88D 09M 27S W 326.28 FT TO POB. 8.40 AC - - K - 7.91

IDD DISTRICT #22

01K1A1--S1,A3A PT OF NW 1/4 SEC 1 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 01D 28M 50S E 792.15 FT AND N 87D 51M 17S E 60.00 FT FROM NW COR SEC 1 TH N 87D 51M 17S E 360.46 FT TH N 01D 29M 29S W 731.29 FT TH N 87D 58M 14S E 805.23 FT TH S 58D 18M 00S E 144.07 FT TH S 01D 54M 06S E 1171.70 FT TH S 88D 06M 38S W 1018.23 FT TH N 01D 29M 29S W 388.35 FT TH S 87D 51M 17S W 276.42 FT TH N 01D 28M 50S W 129.45 FT TO POB 28.40 AC

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 464245 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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VBt budget sessions set for Oct. 16, 17

The budget preparation meetings for the Van Buren Township 2013 Amended and the 2014 Proposed Budgets will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 16 and 17 at the VBT Hall's Otisville/Sheldon Rooms.

On Wednesday, Oct. 16, the departments

discussed will be Information Technology, Public Safety, Planning & Economic Development, and Water & Sewer, including Building & Grounds and Cemetery.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, departments discussed will be Senior Department, Museum, Cable, Recreation, Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor.

The meetings are open to the public.

Belleville DDA moves forward on plans to lease, install public art

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A Belleville Downtown Development Authority committee is moving forward with plans to lease sculptures to install outside in six locations in downtown Belleville for a year, but it will be seeking some money from local sponsors to make it happen.

At its regular meeting on Sept. 18, the DDA voted to direct the committee of Sabrina Richardson Williams, Tom Fielder, and DDA coordinator Carol Thompson to further explore the project and search out public support.

A tentative plan is for an \$11,000 budget, with the DDA paying half and local

partnerships paying the other half.

The Midwest Sculpture Initiative was discussed at the August meeting. The DDA committee plans to report on community interest and financial support at the Oct. 16 DDA meeting to determine if the project can move forward and meet MSI's Nov. 1 deadline to schedule sculptures for 2014.

Williams said the committee had discussed the suggestion of using local artists but there have been no such proposals.

"We don't know if we'll get sponsorships, but asking the DDA for half should help with that," Thompson said.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall asked where the DDA would get the money to spend on the sculptures and Thompson said normally

in such cases, since it isn't in the budget, it is moved out of fund balance.

The MSI works in partnership with Michigan communities to host outdoor sculpture exhibits. MSI juries the artists' work, manages the sculpture installation and removal after one year, maintains the sculptures during the exhibit, and assists the host community with fundraising and program ideas.

The host community pays MSI a fee, works with MSI to select sculptures and promotes its exhibit.

In other business at the Sept. 18 meeting, the DDA:

- Voted to divide up the 20 teakwood and cast iron benches removed from the old streetscape to sell 10 to the public and provide 10 to a Boy Scout for work to restore the benches for park seating to earn his Eagle badge. The DDA would also like the scout to upgrade the Victory Park gazebo, which has been damaged by skateboarders. The streetscape benches will be for sale for \$100 each and the DDA agreed to run an ad. The original purchase time for these benches was 1989-92, when they cost \$200 each. Now new benches are \$600 each. The benches were stored outside at the DPW yard and became covered with weeds and vines since they were removed from Main Street and were recently uncovered;

- Heard a report from Steve Jones, president of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, on two projects that used funds from the DDA: Music Lakeside and Artaffair on Main. DDA member Brian Copsey said the events helped his business, referring to the Bayou Grill;

- Heard Thompson report that the DDA got its preliminary score for the proposed MDNR grant for the Horizon Park Fishing Pier and Boat Dock Improvements and, while the score was good, Spicer Engineers have sent more information to the DNR to see if the score can be improved for the

rescoring planned for December before being sent on for a final decision on the grant; and

- Was treated to free samples from the Bayou Wednesday Fishfry brought to the meeting by Copsey. Members of the audience also were invited to take the boxed-up fish samples.

Man says he was robbed at gunpoint at Cracker Barrel, then flees

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Just before 11 p.m. on Sept. 14, a customer at Cracker Barrel on the N. I-94 Service Drive told the restaurant management that he and his wife were robbed of \$20 at gunpoint in the restaurant parking lot.

Cracker Barrel management took preliminary information and told the couple they were contacting Van Buren Township Police.

Police Lt. Ken Floro said the customer told Cracker Barrel management that they did not want to report anything to the police and the couple immediately fled the area. VBT Police responded to the scene and confirmed that the couple was gone.

There was no way to substantiate the information and an armed robbery did not seem plausible given all the circumstances, Lt. Floro said.

Also on the Sept. 8-14 police dispatch log were four hold-up alarms that were unfounded and were caused by operator error, system malfunction, or system maintenance, Lt. Floro said.

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Vawters showing present: Supervisor Vawters, Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Bates, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Excused absence Trustee Hamm. Also present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approx. 21 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hoffman to approve agenda with item K added. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Public comments only on agenda items

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve regular board meeting minutes August 27, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to accept minutes of planning commission August 8, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the warrants totaling \$758,989.01. Roll call vote: Yea: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Swinson, & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Hamm. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Water & Sewer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Police: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Building/Ordinance: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Treasurer: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Supervisor: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Attorney: Motion by Hoffman, supported by P. Morgan to receive and file all reports. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Board Response

15. New Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve to award the Senior Center Roof replacement to Marken of Michigan \$52,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Bates to sign agreement with the nature conservancy for work done on township property. Paid out of CDBG Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by Swinson, supported by P. Morgan to appoint Police Officer Brian Steffani to full time police officer. Motion carried. 1 nay.

D. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to contract with Liquiforce Services to rehabilitation of the pump station at Willis & Sumpter \$25,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve officer leadership classes for fire department \$4,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion by Hoffman, supported by Bates to approve firefighter Collin Lynch to attend medical instructor coordinator class \$1,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to approve the purchase for the fire department 9 helmets at \$248.95 each. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Bates to approve Ordinance 43A Floodplain management provisions of state construction code. Motion carried unanimously.

I. Motion by Hoffman, supported by J. Morgan to approve 3 parks & recreation members to attend the Michigan Festival and events convention November 7 thru 9, 2013 in Lansing not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Motion by Bates, supported by Hoffman to approve site plan for Carleton Farms office addition at 28800 Clark with all items addressed from planner and engineers. Motion carried unanimously.

K. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Swinson to approve hiring 3 on call firefighters Robert Damico, Daniel Frost & James Talbert. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Announcements

17. Open Floor

18. Closed Session: Sargent & Lieutenant union contract

A. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to go into closed session at 6:54 pm. Roll call: Yea: Vawters, Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Swinson & P. Morgan. Nay: None. Absent: Hamm. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to go back into open session at 7:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by J. Morgan to direct the attorney to proceed as directed in closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Bates, supported by Hoffman to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on September 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

Publish: October 3, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSITION CITY OF BELLEVILLE DDA

TEN USED BENCHES FOR SALE \$100 EACH

**Sale Starts October 3, 2013
and continues until all
10 benches are sold**

**Benches are from the old streetscape
cast iron frame, teak wood slats,
72" X 20"**



**Sold As Is - Buyer Responsible for Transport
Cash or Credit Card, No Checks**

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Sept. 22:
0036 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0043 – assault & battery, Belleville/Ecorse
0111 – operating while intoxicated, S. I-94 Service Dr./Beckley Rd.
0132 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty/I-94
0222 – disorderly conduct, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0246 – fight, 13323 Ormond Dr.
0421 – property damage accident, Mott/Dellor
1017 – larceny from auto, 8108 Westlake
1926 – suspicious person, 600 Sumpter
2017 – property damage accident, 15275 Elwell
2018 – personal injury accident, 15275 Elwell
2105 – fight, 40005 Tyler Rd.
2118 – disturbance, 46121 Village Green Ln.
2243 – larceny from auto, 6072 Victoria St.

Monday, Sept. 23:
0016 – trespassing, 48721 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0047 – warrant arrest, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1244 – sexual assault, 43899 Crowley Ave.
1406 – larceny, 5964 Vernon St.
1455 – fraud, 45525 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – larceny, 47008 Denton Rd.
1713 – breaking & entering, 46572 Bemis Rd.
1726 – malicious destruction of property, 10830 Oak Lane
1807 – fraud, 46050 Huron River Dr.
1816 – noise complaint, 9248 Parkwood Dr.
2202 – juvenile complaint, 6236 Sandalwood
2248 – disorderly conduct, Denton/Michigan Ave.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:
0016 – fight, 11010 Lighthouse Dr.
0729 – fraud, Meijer
0951 – fraud, 49041 Denton Rd.
1112 – missing person, 41567 S. Bellridge Dr.
1128 – juvenile complaint, 11112 Jackson St.
1225 – found child, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
1501 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1501 – fraud, 49227 Paloma Dr.
1521 – breaking & entering, 41495 Tyler Rd.
1543 – fraud, 8739 Vine St.
1611 – narcotics crime, 51341 W. Huron River Dr., Rite Aid
1649 – fraud, 10562 Belleville, Walmart
1651 – personal injury accident, Belleville/Tyler
1711 – private property accident, 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr.
1712 – larceny from auto, 46000 Lake Villa Dr.
1756 – property damage accident, 40453 Alden
1810 – private property accident, 11250 Haggerty
2106 – juvenile complaint, 8811 Parkwood Dr.
2335 – larceny from auto, 46141 Village Green Ln.
2355 – larceny, 10526 Belleville

Wednesday, Sept. 25:
0201 – assault & battery, 12692 Hannan Rd.
0306 – assault & battery, 207 Sugarbush
0921 – juvenile complaint, 48880 Denton Rd.
1551 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Visteon Way
1755 – assault & battery, 6720 Rogers Ave.
1835 – juvenile complaint, Morton Taylor/Tyler
1904 – juvenile complaint, 8664 Ironwood Dr.
1910 – assault & battery, 8905 Parkwood Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 26:
0234 – assault & battery, 6 Pine Dr.
0623 – mental, 2104 Westlake
0657 – disturbance, 11739 Meadows Ln.
0828 – intimidation threat, 78 Park Estates
0903 – larceny, rest area/I-94
0924 – property damage accident, Savage / Haggerty
0941 – larceny, 41196 Lakeview Ct.
1046 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
1118 – fraud, 8905 Parkwood Dr.
1145 – malicious destruction of property, 5825 Vernon St.
1234 – malicious destruction of property, 41873 Ecorse Rd.
1245 – fraud, 6161 W. Adams
1304 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, 9015 Haggerty Rd.
1316 – fraud, 10950 Belleville Rd.
1604 – trespassing, 108 Peachtree Ln.
2014 – missing person, 42831 Savage Rd.

2051 – malicious destruction of property, 8978 Parkwood Dr.
2114 – juvenile complaint, Hayes St./Jackson St.
2206 – assault & battery, 9592 Revere Dr.
2210 – ATV/ORV complaint, 17177 Renton Rd.
2305 – shots fired, 43603 N. Timberview Dr.
2345 – assault & battery, 10971 Oak Ln.

Friday, Sept. 27:
0205 – disorderly conduct, Walmart
0946 – fraud, Walmart
1044 – private property accident, 41500 N. Bellridge Dr.
1401 – private property accident, 41500 N. Bellridge Dr.
1451 – personal injury accident, Elwell/Bemis
1519 – larceny, 50841 Michigan Ave.
1525 – private property accident, 6721 Sylvia
1629 – larceny from auto, 10819 Oak Ln.
1618 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd
1643 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse
1646 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Mobil
1739 – property damage accident, I-275/Ecorse
1744 – larceny from auto, 10951 Oak Ln.
1813 – private property accident, 6542 Outer Dr.
1910 – malicious destruction of property, 44788 Greenbriar Dr.
1934 – private property accident, 6735 Rogers
2005 – fight, 10950 Belleville Rd.
2227 – assist fire dept., Huron River Dr. / Cobblestone
2325 – noise complaint, 47970 Hull Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 28:
0338 – intimidation threat, 47860 Martz Rd.
0554 – larceny from auto, Comfort Inn
1142 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1334 – larceny from auto, 47150 Lauren Ct.
1343 – disturbance, 11650 Belleville Rd.
1622 – disturbance, Kirkridge
1733 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Morton Taylor
1927 – private property accident, 14734 Wildbrook
2029 – breaking & entering, 47574 Belmont
2108 – shots fired, 41815 Riggs Rd.
2257 – noise complaint, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
Also on this week’s log are 294 traffic stops, 91 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 22:
1009 – animal complaint, 6 Main St.
1814 – intrusion alarm, 444 Main St., Andrew’s
1916 – juvenile complaint, 62 Carmell St.
2120 – agency assist, 46121 Village Green
2240 – suspicious vehicle, 573 E. Thornhill Ct.

Monday, Sept. 23:
0437 – suspicious situation, 17 Bedell St.
0655 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
0752 – E-911 hang up/investigation, 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
0831 – misc. complaint, Owen St./Sumpter Rd.
1438 – warrant arrest, Canton PD
1511 – juvenile complaint, 374 W. Columbia Ave.
1639 – parking complaint, Belleville Hardware
1955 – follow up, 179 Belle Villa Blvd.
2228 – property check

Tuesday, Sept. 24:
0931 – animal complaint, Aberdeen/Savage
1407 – information, 501 W. Columbia Ave., BHS
1630 – domestic assault, Belle Villa
1728 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter Rd., Co-Op

Wednesday, Sept. 25:
0021 – suspicious person, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell
1052 – suspicious situation, Goofy’s Car Wash
1534 – harassment call, 6 Main St.
1632 – bank drop, 6 Main St.
1840 – juvenile complaint, Wabash Ave./South
1841 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
2115 – intrusion alarm, BHS

Thursday, Sept. 26:
0538 – suspicious person, Belleville/Quirk
1106 – assist fire dept., 95 N. Biggs Ave.
1236 – property damage accident, Main/Third
1554 – all other traffic, Belleville/5 Points
1829 – suspicious situation, 279 Victorian Ln.

Friday, Sept. 27:
0042 – suspicious person, 418 Robbe St.
1446 – disorderly conduct, McBride Middle Schl.
1532 – welfare check, 469 E. Waterbury Ct.
1534 – welfare check, 110 Carmell St.
1732 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.
2007 – agency assist, 10950 Belleville Rd.
2054 – fight, 238 N. Liberty St.

Saturday, Sept. 28:
1520 – abandoned auto, 50 Loza Lane
1538 – warrant arrest, Loza Lane
1621 – larceny, 36 Carmell St.
2206 – welfare check, 609 Estrada Dr.
2353 – domestic assault, 140 Church St.
Also on this week’s log are 38 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 22:
0054 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Willow
0335 – civil dispute, Country Club Blvd.
1038 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Bemis
1312 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Harris
1319 – hunting complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
1727 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1905 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.

Monday, Sept. 23:
0144 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0943 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn
1039 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1229 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1247 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1543 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1617 – property damage accident, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1804 – juvenile complaint, Nevada
2204 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2349 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 24:
0228 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0537 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1012 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1144 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1257 – larceny, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1319 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
1328 – alarm, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1625 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1724 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1745 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2215 – assist other agency, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 25:
0523 – accidental damage report, Sumpter/Kozma
0711 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0751 – alarm, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0829 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0907 – animal complaint, Willow/Sherwood
1105 – larceny, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1203 – down wires, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1210 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1342 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1410 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1559 – larceny, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1606 – civil dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1611 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1731 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1837 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1840 – ORV complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1951 – warrant arrest, out of township
2012 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2301 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 26:
0233 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0340 – hunting complaint, Rawsonville/Willow
0428 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1136 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1203 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd
1204 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1627 – accidental damage report, Willow/Elwell
1740 – ORV complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1821 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1853 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1906 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1910 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2020 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2120 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2138 – warrant arrest, out of township
2215 – assist other agency, out of township

Friday, Sept. 27:
0029 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0607 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0632 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
0811 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1145 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1254 – suspicious incident, Colorado
1403 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1555 – abandoned vehicle, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1720 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1843 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
2108 – breaking & entering report, Virginia
2128 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2229 – civil dispute, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2245 – missing person report, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 28:
0103 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0734 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1030 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1131 – family trouble, Greenmeadow
1208 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1220 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
1227 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1252 – animal complaint, Willis/Sumpter
1532 – ORV complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1819 – suspicious vehicle, Wilmot/Judd
1825 – ORV complaint, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1850 – warrant arrest, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2042 – traffic hazard, Haggerty/Willis
2143 – fireworks complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
2145 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2341 – alarm, 48000 bl. Ray Lane
2353 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Lane
Also on this week’s log are 24 miscellaneous details, 118 patrol checks, and 48 traffic stops.

Karin LaMothe says resignation was for personal reasons

Karin LaMothe, executive assistant to Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs, has resigned effective Oct. 18.

She told the *Independent*, “I am leaving for personal reasons, not for other employment.”

LaMothe said, “I maintain the utmost respect for Supervisor Linda Combs, whom I have had the privilege of knowing almost 20 years.

“She leads our community with compassion, commitment to the best interests of our residents, and an inspiring vision for the township.

“Van Buren Township has a powerhouse of amazing directors, who are eager to assist Supervisor Combs in ensuring the community reaches its full potential.

“It has been my honor to serve,” she said.

LaMothe, who ran unsuccessfully for township clerk in 2012, was hired by Combs as her executive assistant in January, promoted to deputy supervisor in June, and demoted to executive assistant in August, after members of the township board criticized her sudden appointment as deputy supervisor.

VBT has never had a deputy supervisor in its history, except for this brief, two-month span.

LaMothe was the person who signed the paperwork with the county for the 2010 unsuccessful recall attempt of the four new members of the VBT Board of Trustees that were elected in 2008.

Surviving the recall were Supervisor Paul White, Clerk Leon Wright, and Trustees Al Ostrowski and Denise Partridge. White, Ostrowski, and Partridge lost their seats in the 2012 election.



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When: Saturday October 12th 2013
Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
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\$6.00 - Adults
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